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**Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Office Action dated
May 6, 2005 Accompanying Applicants Request for Continued Examination**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 6, 2005 Applicants submit the attached Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) and the following Comments, Amendments, and Remarks.

Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this submission other than those set forth in the accompanying transmittal letter. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. If any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time or additional claims, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 13587.286.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The accompanying amendment amends claim 1, cancels claims 7-42 and 67-70 and enters new claims 71-113. Following entry of the accompanying amendment claims 1-6 and 71-113 will be pending. Claims 1, 78, 90 and 102 are independent claims.